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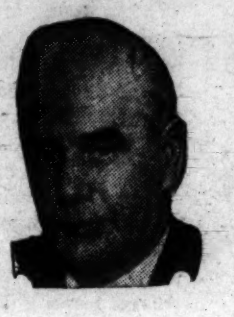
U. S. STEEL DEFIES NATION--MURRAY

The steel industry now has the full and solid responsibility for the strike which must take place 12:01 a.m., Jan. 21.



The net effect of the decision of the steel industry today constitutes to my mind a rebellion, if not an actual revolution, of big business against the people of the United States. . . .

The United Steelworkers of America, in recognition of our national interest, accepted the decision of the President of the United States and the American Government.—*Philip Murray, CIO president, in commenting on U. S. Steel's rejection of President Truman's proposal.*

STEEL STRIKE MONDAY

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The steel industry's rejection of President Truman's compromise proposal of an 18½ cents wage increase leaves the nation's 750,000 steel workers no choice but to strike at 12:01 Monday morning, CIO president Philip Murray told a press conference this afternoon.

The industry's position was stated in a letter to the White House by Benjamin F. Fairless of the U. S. Steel Corp. after Fairless had conferred with the executive board of his own corporation and representatives of the entire steel industry.

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Murray had informed Truman of the union's acceptance of his 18½ cents an hour proposal after conferences with members of the United Steelworkers executive board here.

Present here for a strategy committee conference are leaders of the CIO's "Big Three" unions, among them Albert Fitzgerald and James Matles, president and organizational director of the United Electrical Workers; R. J. Thomas and Richard Frankensteen, president and vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, and Murray's associate officers of the steel union.

[The government's fact-finding panel in the meat strike will begin formal hearings at Chicago probably Tuesday, it was announced at Washington.

[United Press reports that Edwin Witte, chairman of the fact-finding board, after a three-hour conference with

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S-o-o-o-up for Steel Strikers: Joseph Finkelstein, Lackawanna, N. Y., restaurant owner, ladles out hot soup on the picket line in front of the strike-bound Bethlehem Steel plant there. The temperature was near zero. [Story on page 2.]

THE STRIKE FRONTS

1. Smoky City -- by Mike Gold

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18.—This is the American city that is always covered with smoke. Its libraries, schools, hotels, stores, shacks and palaces are smudged. At the moment, the local newspapers are conducting a campaign appealing to Pittsburgh patriots to do something about the smoke. It is the 7,457th campaign against the smoke, and will fail like the others.

For Pittsburgh lives by its smoke. Pittsburgh talks and thinks smoke—industrial smoke. In New York we are distracted by many things from viewing the raw facts of industrial life. Here everyone is full of talk about steel, coal and electric motors and the like. It is a heavy industry city. There is a front-line psychology about most Pittsburghers that stirs the blood of a New Yorker. They live on the industrial battlefield.

Just now, of course, the big strikes are on their mind. Everyone is talking steel and Phil Murray's negotiations with the steel monopolists. Some 18,000 workers in the electrical industry are walking on picketing lines in the national UE strike. Pittsburgh is the capital of a vast coal empire, and the miners are beginning to get restless. They ask each other funny conundrums about peaceful John L. Lewis.

In East Pittsburgh, where the Westinghouse plant is located, the community has settled down to the battle routine of a tough strike. There is an atmosphere of endurance and loyalty which makes one feel these people are ready for anything the billionaires will dish out.

This is the first big strike here in East Pittsburgh since 1916, when the Westinghouse workers marched out in spontaneous protest against one of the greediest, meanest of all bosses in big industry.

That strike was crushed. A new generation of labor has been organized since by the great United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union. Westinghouse must have fancied this new crop of youngsters would be pushovers, since they had never been tested.

Westinghouse is the only big corporation that refused to make any counter proposals on the matter of wage increases. They just sat tight and pleaded poverty. They were losing money, so help them God and the Golden Calf. But the workers have responded by a surprising discipline. I have never seen a strike better handled than this one. The women have set up a cafeteria; the picket captains are all on the job, with ranks established of captain, lieutenant and private first class on their armbands.

Everyone's duty is to picket; every gate is covered at regular intervals; the guard is relieved on schedule. In the big social hall of the union that is now strike headquarters they come to drink hot coffee and to eat sandwiches prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.

A juke box plays soft jive; the organizer calls from the stage for volunteer pickets to go to a certain gate, where the pickets are getting cold and hungry. Posters hang on the walls. One reads: "The Youth of Today Stand for a Better America Tomorrow." Other big posters show the classic face of Franklin Roosevelt, against a background of working men and women and their children. It is titled, "Our Champion," and if ever a champion were needed in the White House, it's now.

This strike is solid. These pickets in red lumberjackets and caps, these Negroes, women, Poles and other strikers are all Americans and can never be conquered by a native Hitlerism. They haven't the New York "advantages" of reading PM and other liberal guides, but they are closer to industrial realities. They can't be fooled with mere words.

It is interesting to hear their sharp, realistic discussions on the situation. Some of these electrical workers are worrying about the steel negotiations.

Steel workers I've listened to hereabouts are also troubled by some doubts. They didn't like the pictures that appeared of Phil Murray holding hands with Steel Truster Fairless, or the stories of their limousine ride together. All this may have been clever steel trust propaganda to sow suspicion among the workers. But I cite their feelings to show how sensitized they are.

In some locals, I understand, the steel workers are sore enough to go wildcatting, which is something that soberer leaders will have to contend against.

Unity is the great necessity of the hour—unity between the big unions, in order that the big billionaire monopolies will not crush them.

Total elimination of trade unions is the goal of the capitalists in these strikes.

The smoke smudges every Pittsburgh factory, library, hospital, city hall, shack and palace. The smoke turns even the sky into a gray and unhappy field of misery. Obscurity is all around, except in the minds of the Pittsburgh working class.

Their best leaders know that labor is engaged in a fight for its very life, and that, if these strikes are crushed, trade unionism will lose its strongholds. Pittsburgh billionaires are unified in the dirty work of fascist destruction of democratic rights. But Pittsburgh labor is brushing aside the smoke clouds sent up by radio, pulpit and press, and is also establishing its united front against reaction.

2. Kelly's Cops--by Howard Fast

Daily Worker Strike Correspondent
Author of Citizen Tom Paine

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—If a medal were to be granted for constancy—somewhat on the infamous side—then certainly the Chicago police should be considered for the first citation. With the Degnan Murder Case as a reason for all and anything, police commissioner John C. Prendergast suggested, yesterday, that the period of training for 88 applicants on the police eligibility list be cut from 10 to five weeks.

"It is imperative that more police be put on night duty," he said.

If Commissioner Prendergast would tour the packing-house gates, late some evening, he could very easy pick up a few hundred recruits for his law and order campaign. Day and night, cops are as thick as flies on Ashland and Halstead Aves., and if some of them were put back on the beat, not only would there be a civic gain for Chicago citizens, but the pickets would be spared the cops crowding around their camp-fire and shutting off most of the heat.

Also, it might be noted that Chicago, a city of 3,750,000 people, and eight murdered during the past two weeks, patrolled its streets each night with 367 policemen, or one for every 10,000 persons—while 500 cops do so-called strike duty.

Nor does it take an x-ray eye to discover that what little violence there was had been provoked by the police. One officer at each gate could do the job that 20 are doing. But as I started out to say, constancy is sedulously practiced by the police force here; from the atrocious Haymarket framing, through the killing of the turn of the century, the Pullman strike and the Homestead strike; through the bloodstained '30's along to today, the Chicago police force have established a national record of provocation and violence.

ATTACK IN VAIN

All of that and more will not break this strike. There is an amazing awareness on the part of the workers—and I have talked to over 100 of them—as to the meaning and historic importance of this walkout. This morning, a colored veteran on the Wilson 42 St. picket line, just a month back from New Guinea told how impossible this would have seemed four years ago, when he first went into the army—a general walkout of the whole industry.

"They busted unions before," he said. "But they never busted a union like this."

Actually, there's a whole new attitude toward the CIO organizing committee. The walkout in Omaha Packing, one of the smaller houses, is a good example of that. Omaha has a company union, part of which signed, individually, with the CIO. When the general strike was called, the CIO men walked out; the company union men went with them, and now Omaha is closed down tight. In the future Omaha will be a CIO house.

The same thing happened at a larger Swift plant in St. Louis. There, too, the company union of 1,000 workers followed the rank and file leadership and struck.

RED-BAITING WASTED

Here in Chicago, at least two newspapers, the Times and the Sun, make some attempt to editorialize fairly about the situation. The Tribune, however, is back on its little red pony, seeing a Communist around every corner and behind every picket. This red-baiting, however, is not only wasted on the strikers, but has remarkably little effect on the broad citizens' coalition that backs up the strike.

There is no hiding the fact that smashing price control is as important to the packers as smashing the UPWA, and there are few housewives in Chicago who can set a good table, even with prices what they are today.

The strike goes on. At union headquarters, they were handing out a mimeograph song sheet. It was good to hear workers sing, for the first time in so many years:

It is we who ploughed the prairie,
Built the cities where they trade.
Built the mines, and built the workshops,
Endless lines of railroad laid.
Now we stand outcast and starving
Mid the wonders we have made;
But the union makes us strong!

3. Lackawanna's Strikers Hail Steel Strike Call

By MAX GORDON

LACKAWANNA, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Over 4,000 Bethlehem Steel strikers massed this afternoon in a spirited demonstration at the plant gates, when news of the U. S. Steel Corp.'s rejection of the Truman 18½ cent offer arrived here. They were joined by several hundred CIO men from other unions in nearby Buffalo.

The big Harrows Point, Baltimore, local of Bethlehem Steel sent a wire to the demonstration, hailing the Lackawanna fight.

"We are waiting to make it unanimous," the message said.

Fighting spirit is at its height at the end of the first week of the walkout.

The welfare committee, headed by Bernard Murphy, has reached an agreement with the County Welfare Commission to take care of all hardship cases.

There is thorough cooperation from AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods in the areas. Tugmen and rail workers have pledged not to move a tin pan in or out of the plant. The brewery workers (independent) declined to take beer into the shop when the company's was preparing for the shutdown.

VETS ACTIVE

Every merchant in their town of 22,000 is contributing money and supplies. Veterans are active in collections.

Earl Dagon and John Overton, who operate the strike kitchen, estimate they receive about $400 worth of food daily. They haven't been home since Tuesday.

Overton is one of several Negro leaders in the strike. He is a "catcher" in the plant and a minister. He was an active leader in the 1941 strike, which forced the company to deal with the union.

Dagon has just returned from the wars. He was in the plant two days when the strike broke.

"Tell your readers that I, a veteran with four and a half years service, am working my head off in this strike because I can't support a wife and kids on $30 a week, he said.

Dagon and Overton estimate they distribute 3,600 sandwiches a day to the strikers. In one hour they sent out 45 gallons of coffee.

The big kitchen is in a one-story brick building a few blocks from strike headquarters. Several women, workers and wives of workers, Negro and white, are working in shifts 24 hours a day.

There are also 6,000 General Motors strikers in the area. Several small electrical shops are out too. If steel breaks Monday, there will be 35,000 more steel workers around here.

In Niagara Falls, 5,000 chemical workers are set to go out Monday for a 30 per cent wage increase.

The CIO has set up a strike committee unifying all activities.

The committee will hold a great demonstration together with the United Labor Committee of the Tonawandas, which includes AFL and CIO.

City CIO Endorses Palestine Rally Wed.

The City CIO has endorsed the Palestine Rally to be held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m., in Manhattan Center, under the auspices of the Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO, in a communication to its affiliates.

After listing the speakers, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Ben Gold, president, International Fur and Leather Workers Union; Rubin Saltzman, general secretary, Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO; Max Perlow, chairman, Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity; Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasure, District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, and Charles Collins, Negro Labor Victory Committee, the statement goes on, **"Aside from the Jewish people in Europe and the question of their entrance into Palestine, it is one of the most important issues for labor and for all the people of America."**

Among the unions that have already ordered blocks of tickets are: Furriers Joint Council of New York; Local 21, United Federal Workers; Local 125, Fur, Floor and Shipping Clerks; Local 30, UOPWA; Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union; Local 1227, UERMWA; Local 1, Jewelry Workers and others.

Gromyko Warns UNO on Charter Revision, Hits Anti-Veto Plots

Andrei Gromyko, Soviet UNO delegate, warned the UNO assembly in London yesterday that all the talk about revising the San Francisco Charter is "not only dangerous" but "may lead to serious consequences." In a speech which emphasized the importance of action instead of words, the Soviet ambassador to the United States declared a "revival of the methods applied in the League of Nations would cause nothing but harm to the United Nations Organization."

"The Soviet delegation considers this observation quite relevant and useful at this session," Gromyko added, acidly.

SLAPS VETO FOES

In the midst of underhand moves to instigate the Central Government of Iran against the Soviet Union, and in an atmosphere of suspicious wailing about the "veto power," Gromyko sharply warned the delegates from 51 nations.

"The first session of the general assembly," he said, "will be a precedent for the subsequent activities of this important organ. That is why the Soviet delegation would like to sense at this session a sound and creative atmosphere capable of securing the attainment of positive results."

"Endeavors to counterpose the big states with the small ones cannot be regarded with sympathy," Gromyko declared, hitting out at the loud lamentations about the veto power.

"This organization," he continued, **"it a body to protect all peace-loving states, big and small."**

And he quoted Stalin's speech of Nov. 6, 1944 in which the Soviet marshal emphasized that the UNO will be successful only if the countries which have **"borne on their shoulders the main burden of the war against Hitlerite Germany continue to act in a spirit of unanimity and accord."**

Gromyko also emphasized the importance of the Security Council, and said that the commission on atomic energy, decided on at the recent Moscow conference "must function in accordance with the directives and instructions of the Security Council."

This was an implied slap at those who would like to change the Moscow decisions, and let the Assembly, which will select the commission, change the way it should work.

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The Soviet spokesman also drew the Assembly's attention to **"these provisions of the charter which have not yet found their practical realization. I mean the charter relating to UNO self-governing territories."**

He defined the trusteeship system as designed to "accelerate the national and state independence" of all peoples who do not yet govern themselves—a sign that the USSR will press for more than a simple transfer of the old League of Nations mandates.

Gromyko concluded his speech with the observation that fascism is far from eradicated, saying **"the fight for the eradication of the remnants of fascism cannot be separated from the work of our organization."**

Other UNO developments:

1—Egyptian Foreign Minister Abdul Hamid Badawi Pasha demanded that colonial powers put all their colonies, protectorates and concessions, as well as mandates, under United Nations trusteeship.

2—The International League for the Rights of Man in a memorandum submitted to the UNO challenged Argentina's right to belong to the United Nations, called its "de facto" government a menace to security and peace, and asked the UNO to "call it to account."

3—Yugoslav Delegate Edward Kardelj appeared before the UNO to support his country's claim to Trieste.

4—Greek Foreign Minister John Sofianopoulos asked the assembly to support Greek claims for territorial concessions from Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

5—Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand demanded of the assembly that it instead of the Security Council direct the proposed atomic energy commission and called the Big Five veto in the Security Council "a blot upon the charter."

6—Canadian Delegate L. S. St. Laurent, in a speech prepared for delivery later, challenged Gromyko's position on the charter and said that the aims of the United Nations might soon make amendment necessary.

See Champs--and Help Strikers

Coach Barney Sedran is shown giving his Gotham hoopsters some last-minute instructions before they engage in a practice session for tomorrow night's game against the Wilmington Bombers. Proceeds from the game will go to the GM strikers.

An important event is taking place tomorrow night which, as William Z. Foster said yesterday, "deserves the wholehearted support of the workers of this city."

For the benefit of the GM strikers the Daily Worker sports department is sponsoring a basketball double-header which pits the New York Gotham against the Wilmington Bombers in a regular professional league game— while the UE hoopsters will go up against the Furriers' quintet in a preliminary contest.

This is more than just an evening of basketball for sports fans only. It's part and parcel of the larger fight for trade union solidarity in this critical moment for all of America's workers.

By the manner in which St. Nicholas Arena is packed tomorrow night, the GM workers can take heart from the support their fight is receiving.

And the money the Daily Worker sports department will be able to turn over to the GM workers will help them fight their important battle that much harder.

Get your tickets now! They can be bought today at Workers Bookshop, the Jefferson School, and St. Nick's Arena tomorrow night.

Strike Sidelights

BIG THREE MEET—Steel, auto and UE, CIO's Big Three, met on a picket line at Westinghouse in Pittsburgh yesterday. The UE struck the plant in its nationwide electrical walkout. Sixty steel workers came down from Homestead, Clairton and Duquesne, and General Motors strikers came in from Cleveland. GM strikers, war veterans, were to address a UE strike rally last night. **"We'll all be out together Monday,"** Frank Casper, president of Homestead steel lodge, told the strikers. **"We're behind the UE demands 100 per cent,"** H. C. Ford, representative of steel's Lodge 15 added. Antony Salpoek, financial sec'y of the Duquesne steel lodge, pledged solidarity. The Westinghouse Co. moved yesterday for an anti-picketing injunction. The corporation is also demanding the right to run supervisory employes through the picket line. Judge Walter Smart will hear the case next Monday in the Court of Common Pleas. Pickets began patrolling Westinghouse offices yesterday for the first time.

POLICE INTERFERENCE—**Police cracked down twice on strikers in Newark yesterday. At Westinghouse Supply at MacArthur Highway and Green St., where 75 unorganized workers and AFL teamsters were observing a UE picket line, police picked up leading pickets in the patrol wagon and escorted the people through the remaining line. There were no arrests. At Westinghouse Meter, police forced a way open for supervisors. The UE has arranged a meeting with Mayor Vincent Murphy to protest.**

MAYOR BACKS STRIKE—Add Mayor Wilson of Fairmont, W. Va., to the growing list of chief officials supporting the strikes against General Electric, Westinghouse strikers in his town there would be no interference with picketing and said he backed their fight for $2 a day.

INJUNCTIONITIS—**In Rochester, N. Y., GM is turning to the courts to fight the union. Supreme Court Justice Fred D. Cribb will hear arguments today (Saturday) on a show cause order looking toward issuance of an injunction limiting picketing. The AFL Teamsters Union in Rochester voted to respect picket lines. No trucks are being moved in or out of the struck Delco (GM) plant.**

MORE AFL UNITY—AFL teamsters are refusing to cross the CIO picket line at the GE Foundry in Elmira, N. Y. and building trades workers employed on a large new company building are also out. Railroad Workers are embargoing the plant. Merchants are contributing food to help the 600 UE strikers.

Hits Foes of Soviet Amity

Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, yesterday denounced the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its attempt to "paralyze" his organization.

Lamont has been subpoenaed to appear before the committee Jan. 23 and produce practically the complete records of the National Council since its formation.

"The Committee must be aware," Lamont said, "that inherent in its request for an investigation is the inference that helping the American people to understand our Soviet ally and promoting American-Soviet amity are un-American and subversive.

"For us to yield to a request based on this erroneous inference would not only cause wanton injury to the work of the National Council, but would also have a deleterious effect upon America's foreign relations."

The Committee's actions are an attempted violation of constitutional guarantees against unreasonable search and seizure, he charged.

Curb on Pullmans To Be Relaxed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UP).—Sleeping car service for civilians will be restored on railroad runs of from 351 to 450 miles on Feb. 15, the Office of Defense Transportation announced tonight.

910 Jews Held For Illegal Entry Into Palestine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UP).—UNRRA Director-Gereral Herbert H. Lehman tonight suspended the discharge of Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, UNRRA operations chief in Germany, to accord Morgan an opportunity to come here and explain his charge that a secret Jewish organization is plotting a mass exodus of Jews from Europe.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18 (UP).—British troops last night and early today rounded up and put under guard 910 Jewish refugees, including 366 women, who landed illegally 30 miles north of Haifa on the Palestine coast last night.

A reliable source said the refugees will be released after investigation. Their number will be deducted from the estimated quota of 6,000 immigrants which has been set up for Palestine during the period of investigation by the joint Anglo-American committee of inquiry.

RAF planes spotted the vessel carrying the refugees and a British destroyed was summoned. The destroyer escorted the vessel to Haifa, where the captain, a Romanian, was arrested. He told authorities the refugees, mostly from Romania, boarded ship at an Italian port 12 days ago.

The captain will be tried and his ship confiscated.

CAIRO, Jan. 18 (UP).—Two Jews held at a Jewish detention camp in Eritrea were killed and 12 wounded in a camp "disturbance" yesterday, British Middle East headquarters announced today. An investigation is under way, the announcement said.

Knights of the Turkish Bath

BOSTON, Jan. 18 (UP).—In answer to a call that smoke was pouring from a window in a Roxbury hotel, firemen burst into a room to find a woman taking a bath in steaming water, Red-faced, they retreated.

TWU Fights Con-Edison Grab of City Powerhouses, Warns of Strike

By JOHN MELDON

Michael J. Quill, head of the CIO Transport Workers Union, yesterday blasted a proposed grab by Consolidated Edison of city-owned subway system powerhouses. Quill warned that if Consolidated Edison grabs the powerhouses, the TWU will call a citywide transit strike of all subways, street cars and elevated lines.

He named Gen. Charles P. Gross, newly appointed Board of Transportation chairman, as the man behind the proposed deal with the giant power monopoly.

"The city can produce its own power for $10,000,000 a year less than what it would have to pay to the Consolidated Edison Co.," Quill stated.

He served notice that the TWU will seek a $2-a-day general wage increase and demand exclusive bargaining rights for 32,000 subway emyloyes. The TWU will seek a maintenance of membership contract, he added.

In 1940 the IRT and BMT and all facilities, including power houses and substations, were purchased for the staggering price of $340,000,000, following a citywide referendum. The referendum was a blow to the monopoly held by Consolidated Edison over what was then known as the Eighth Ave. subway system.

"The only thing that kept Con.-Edison in check," Quill said, "was the fact that the IRT and BMT power plants could and did produce power below that charged by Con-Edison.

"If Con-Edison now succeeds in purchasing the remaining city-owned and operated power plants, they will have their fondest dream fulfilled—complete, unchallenged, uncheckable, overpowering control of the power supply of the great City of New York."

After Quill's statement, Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, board chairman, said a recommendation will be made soon that the city's three powerhouses be sold to the Edison Co.

The powerhouses facing the threat of "sale" to Con-Edison are those at 74th St. and 59th St. in Manhattan, and the Williamsburg power plant and substations.

Quill cited the survey by the J. G. White Engineering Co., engaged by the Board of Transportation, which showed that for the year ended June 30, 1945, the Transportation Board purchased power from Con-Edison averaging 8.8 mills per kilowatt hour for the Eighth Ave. subway system which Con-Edison still services. But the city, operating with obsolete and inefficient power plants and buying coal at exorbitant prices, produced power for only 7.6 mills. It would have cost the city $2,247,000 more annually to buy the same amount of power from the electric monopoly.

Sale of the power plants to Con-Edison would also imperil the jobs of 1,500 power plant workers and jeopardize their pension and seniority accumulations, Quill pointed out.

"If the Transport Workers Union is forced to strike over this attempted steal," Quill declared, "it will go into the fight to protect the rights of the people of the Ctiy of New York. The people of New York won't stand for this deal because they know that if this sale comes to pass, Consolidated Edison, instead of lowering, can and will raise the price of power without fear of competition, contradiction or the benefit of any 'yardstick' that now exists.

"And finally," Quill said, "the people of the Ctiy of New York won't stand for this deal because it begins the dismemberment of the transit system."

How Con-Edison Grab Would Hit 5-Cent Fare

Should Consolidated Edison get away with grabbing city owned subway powerhouses, a terrific blow will be delivered against the traditional five-cent fare.

How would it work?

One of the main arguments now by the Paul Windels real estate banking crowd for a 10 cent fare is the annual deficit incurred by operation, maintenance and repair. However, if Consolidated Edison grabs the municipally-bought powerhouses, an added $10,000,000 will be tacked on to the annual bill—thus giving the 10 cent fare advocates additional fuel for the fire.

The Transport Workers Union is demanding an investigation of the whole transit set-up in the city. "What is wrong with the Board of Transportation?" is the pertinent question the TWU is asking. And what right does Gen. Gross have to arrogantly assume that the people of this city, who voted for purchase and unification, are going to stand by idly while Consolidated Edison not only grabs subway power houses—but gives the final shove to the 10-cent fare boost?

17 Die in Blazing Airliner

CHESHIRE, Conn., Jan. 18 (UP).—An airliner crashed in flames near here today, killing 17 persons, including a mother and her baby. Three of the dead were the plane's crew.

Less than an hour out of New York, en route to Boston from Miami, the Eastern Air Lines' two-motored Douglas passed over this town in apparently normal flight. One of the motors started belching flames and smoke, clearly visible from the ground. As the pilot realized his danger and banked for an emergency landing, both wings folded. The plane dived into the ground.

By the time rescuers reached the scene, the wreckage was encompassed in roaring flames. Eye-witnesses said none aboard had a chance.

The mother was Mrs. Charlotte Sturman, accompanied by her baby, and the baby's nurse, Barbara Thompson. They boarded the plane at Miami, Fla., en route to the Sturman home in Boston.

Eastern Airlines identified the crewmen as pilot Capt. R. E. Kuser; co-pilot R. S. Knight, and flight attendant Willard Bassett.

On the passenger list were K. G. Vostelink, Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller, P. McVeigh, Mrs. C. Ludwig, P. Maynard, H. Berger, N. E. Falt, and two unidentified miltary personnel.

Another passenger was identified as Prof. John D. Mitsch, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—a member of its Department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering.

Snake-Line Operation: This 16-foot Malayan python had to be held by 20 men while it underwent an operation for neck abscess in the Philadelphia Zoo hospital.

CBI Vet Tells Eye-Witness Story Of Airliner Crash in Connecticut

(The following eye-witness account of an Eastern Air Lines plane crash was written for the United Press by an Air Corps veteran who served in the Burma-India-China theatre.)

BY PETER RICCIO
Written for United Press

CHESHIRE, Conn., Jan. 18 (UP).—When I first saw the airliner, it was passing over Cheshire. I noticed smoke trailing from one of the engines and fanning out under one wing.

The plane was directly overhead and flying normally. At that time I don't believe the pilot knew the ship was on fire.

Less than a minute later he banked sharply. That was when he saw the smoke, or knew there was a fire.

He started looking for a place to come down, and was losing altitude, when the wings folded up and the plane came straight down and plowed into the ground.

There was no spin, or glide or anything. It just came right down in a woods about a mile northeast of where I was standing.

I got up there as soon as I could and found the plane all in flames. The entire center section was burned out, but the tips of the wings were intact.

No one got out. That was impossible. And there was no evidence that anyone was thrown out.

By United Press

Eastern Air Lines said today the following persons were aboard the airliner which crashed at Cheshire, Conn.:

Crew: Capt. R. E. Kuser; co-pilot, R. S. Knight; flight attendant, Willard Bassett.

Passengers: K. G. Vostelink, Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller; P. McVeigh; Mrs. C. Ludwig; J. B. Mitsch; P. Maynard; H. Berger; N. E. Falt; Mrs. C. Sturman and baby and the baby's nurse, Barbara Thompson, and two unidentified military personnel.

MOTHER GOOSE TEACHES SOVIET KIDS ENGLISH

By HENRY SHAPIRO

MOSCOW, Jan. 18 (UP).—A visitor dropping in at public school number 290 in Moscow can witness the following scene twice weekly:

When the bell rings 40 pigtailed seven-year old girls carrying dolls troop into Olga Khanova's schoolroom.

When teacher Olga signals, the girls rise and begin reciting in English the nursery rhyme "Hush A-Bye Baby." they not only recite spiritedly in fairly good English but act out the rhyme.

Changing their dolls the girls break into another verse, "Three Little Kittens Who Lost Their Mittens."

Olga's class is the Soviet Union's most successful experiment in teaching English to seven-year-old children as part of a campaign to teach every educated Russian at least one foreign language.

Some 15,000 students, mostly adults, take English courses through Moscow's state correspondence school, and trade unions and factory offices offer classroom instruction.

English and American classics such as the writings of Shakespeare, Dickens, Cooper, London, Longfellow and Hemingway are read as eagerly as the Russian classics

Beginning with nursery rhymes for elementary schools and Shakespeare for higher levels, the demand for books in English is unlimited. The Russians are learning to speak English well as they read because the schools devoted much time to phonetics.

Even Olga Khanova's first-grade pupils learn elementary phonetics. As a result there is a need for books about phonetics and the history and theory of the language as well as grammar books and the classics.

In most schools foreign language instruction begins in the fifth year, although the curricula in larger cities was changed recently to include foreign languages at the beginning of the third year.

The campaign to teach every Russian at least one foreign language began in 1932 when the Central Committee issued a decree making the study compulsory.

Names Pauley Navy Undersecretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UP).—Edwin W. Pauley was nominated by President Truman today to be Undersecretary of the Navy.

W. Stewart Symington, now surplus property administrator, was nominated to be Assistant Secretary of War for Air, succeeding Robert Lovett.

Pauley has been the American reparations representative in Germany and later in Japan.

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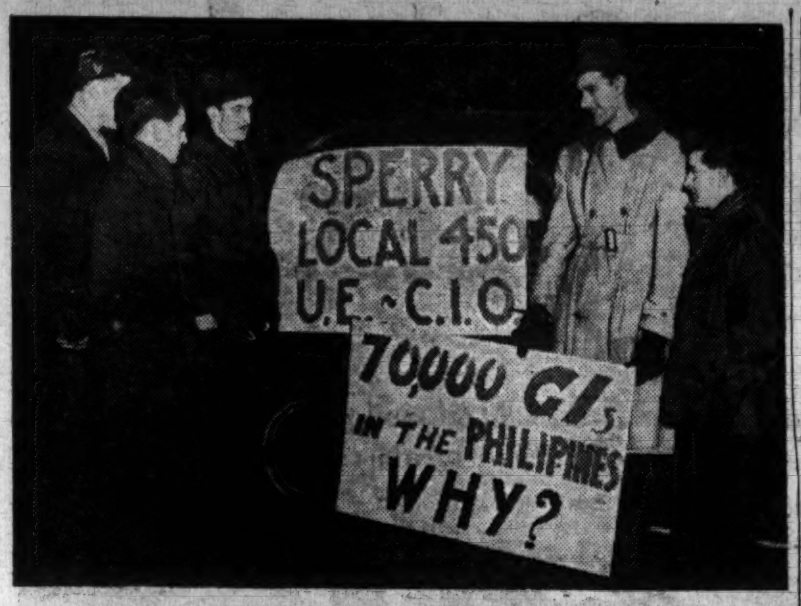

Bring the Men Back: Veterans addressed 400 citizens of Indianapolis at a protest rally against the current slowdown of demobilization. Speakers (left to right) Thurl C. Rhodes, attorney for American enlisted men; Capt. Walton Manning, Indianapolis air forces officer on terminal leave, and Phil A. Irwin, of the American Veterans Committee.

Biggest Shipyard Local Repudiates Convention

By WALTER LOWENFELS

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 18.—A membership meeting of Local 1, largest affiliate of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, last night repudiated its delegation to the national convention for supporting the administration's machine.

The action was taken at a well-attended meeting and received an overwhelming vote. It followed reports on the convention by Thomas Saul, secretary-treasurer of the local, who led the reactionary group, and Andrew Reeder, president of Local 1, who led the progressives.

Reeder's description of the manner in which convention control was rigged by the machine was upheld by an overwhelming majority of some 1,300. Indignation ran strong against the four top international officers, when members heard how Local 1's 115-vote delegation was tied to "unit rule" (block voting) by the convention despite the refusal of the local's membership to do so at a pre-convention meeting. This trick switched the votes of 40-odd progressive delegates of Local 1's delegation to the machine side.

Two motions were passed:

1. Repudiating Saul's group and the delegation majority for invoking "unit rule" at the convention and repudiating the delegation for casting its vote for the Green-Grogan-Gallagher-Blood machine slate.

2. Rescinding a resolution of the local's executive board which condemned the returned veteran, Philip Van Gelder, for his statement branding IUMSWA's leadership as "inept and deficient as it is morally depraved."

Van Gelder, who was secretary-treasurer for 11 terms, was defeated for reelection when the rigged and phony machine votes were thrown to Ross Blood. His statement, issued at the convention, described how the machine sought to buy him off for another job with "little importance or influence, but high salary."

Simultaneously, the smaller Local 14 of IUMSWA of this city also held a membership meeting where the pro-administration acts of its delegation was similarly repudiated.

OFFICE PICKETED

The general office of IUMSWA was the scene of considerable commotion and much news camera clicking as George P. Edgar, a veteran fired by organization director Thomas Gallagher for opposing his machine, picketed the offices. For about two hours the entire office staff of IUMSWA refused to cross the picket line.

"I was fired for declaring against the undemocratic tactics of the 'big four' — Green - Gallagher - Grogan-Blood." read the sign Edgar carried. Edgar was two years in the service. His discharge from the union's educational department was declared a violation of the Selective Service Act.

At the same time it became known that Gallagher fired nine of his organizers noted for their opposition to his machine. Most of them are equally noted as IUMSWA's best organizers. They won 13 of the union's important NLRB elections last year.

Charles Keith Expelled By CP as Disrupter

The expulsion of Charles Keith, former member of the Seamen's Branch, was announced yesterday by the State Secretariat of the Party.

The Secretariat's statement follows in full:

Charles Keith has been expelled from the Communist Party for disrupting the Seamen's Branch of the Party, by carrying on factional activity and persisting in this activity after repeated warnings by the Branch that his activity was aiding the enemies of the seamen and causing disunity.

On several occasions, Keith knowingly violated decisions of higher Party bodies and placed his personal judgment above the collective judgment of the Party and his Branch.

By the use of demagogy, he has on numerous occasions attempted to turn the political discussions of the Seamen's Branch from discussion of policy to discussion of personalities.

He has tried to maintain a state of political inactivity and cause immobilization in the Branch. Such actions are incompatible with membership in the Communist Party.

The nature of Keith's activities is especially serious when it is noted that this is the second time in his Party life that he has been guilty of such acts. Each time it has been in a period of the sharpest struggles of the people against reaction, that he has worked against the unity of the Party.

In Spain, as a member of the Lincoln Brigade, he was charged with factional activity that jeopardized the lives of his comrades in several ways. It was made clear to him that his acts were a comfort to the fascist enemies of the people.

However, on the basis of his plea for an opportunity to rehabilitate himself, he was given a chance to prove that his motives were not those of an enemy of the working class and that he was worthy of membership in the Communist Party.

The extent of Keith's degeneration, however, which began in Spain, was not fully revealed until a much later time. This fact, together with the permission given him to participate in Party life, has resulted in his again proving himself a ready tool in the hands of anti-Party forces and a person dangerous to the unity of the working class. His expulsion proves conclusively that as an incorrigible factionalist he has moved into the ranks of the enemies of the working class.

The entire Party must learn to serious lesson from this case, namely, that factionalism and disruption lead inevitably into the camp of our class enemy.

The Party must begin to tighten up and eliminate any liberal approach to a check-up on work and activity which was manifest during the revisionist period of our Party.

Every Party organization and member must be ceaselessly vigilant to eliminate the influence of enemy agents who try to work within our ranks.

State Secretariat
ROBERT THOMPSON
ISRAEL AMTER
WILLIAM NORMAN

Pickets Must Guard Political Flank

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—While the workers are conducting a militant struggle on the picket lines, they are, unfortunately, failing to display the same energy and militancy in the legislative field. We say unfortunately because it is precisely now, during the period of great strike struggles, that reaction is busy on the legislative front.

Appealing to an uninformed middle class that has been fed on anti-labor agitation, and concealing the responsibility of Big Business for the strikes, reaction's spokesmen in Congress and in the press are at this moment pressing forward for action against labor. A deluge of anti-labor bills is expected on the floor of the House within the next three weeks. And if a vote can be forced at this time, some very vicious measures will be adopted by the House.

Labor has had its hands full in preparing and carrying through negotiations and subsequently strike action. The trade unions have with good reason devoted tremendous energy to these vital tasks. But the result has been that another vital task, that of contacting Congressmen in an effort to block anti-labor bills has been left almost entirely to the legislative directors of the unions in Washington. Even CIO-PAC and the American Labor Party have been neglectful.

ANTI-LABOR ACTIVITY

But sponsors of anti-labor legislation have not been idle. As a result of President Truman's radio appeal, a substantial number of letters have come to Congressmen urging support of the President's bill. The reactionary press and organizations following the NAM line have promoted letter campaigns demanding even more reactionary legislation. Middle of the road Congressmen as well as some who are considered pro-labor are being influenced by this presure.

If this situation is not changed quickly, the prospect is enactment of the Truman cool-off bill and many other anti-labor measures, as well as the defeat of highly necessary progressive bills.

The strategy of the reactionaries is to force immediate action. The House Military Affairs Committee, dominated by poltax Democrats and anti-labor Republicans, is attempting to by-pass the Labor Committee and bring anti-strike bills to the floor within two weeks. A great hue and cry has been raised against the Senate Labor Committee to force it to report out the Truman bill now before adequate hearings have been held. This gives the trade unions and the progressives precious little time in which to organize action by the folks back home. It stresses the need for doing the job immediately.

It is important for labor to recognize that it can be done. Let the letters and telegrams come to Congressmen directly from the picket lines and strike meetings. Let the striking workers protest that while they are locked in struggle with the great profiteering corporations, fighting for the right to live, the sinister conspirators in Washington are knifing them in the back.

There must be a literal flood of such letters, telegrams, postcards. But quick!

Vets Housing Parley In Detroit Tomorrow

DETROIT, Jan. 18.—Emergency measures to provide housing and end red tape for Veterans will be taken at a young veterans conference this Sunday at the Maccabees auditorium.

Walter Bernstein, formerly correspondent for Yank, will fly to Detroit to address the gathering.

Among individuals sponsoring the conference are: Don Palmer, Veterans Advisor of Wayne University; Harry Webster, Special Service Officer, American Legion; Fred Fish, Veterans Committee, Local 735, UAW; Jack Gore, American Veteran's Committee.

Bob Purdy is temporary chairman of the conference.

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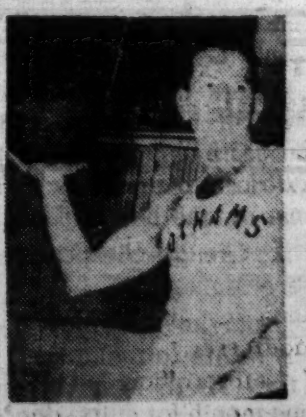

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Back to Clubs and Injunctions

THE country is now beginning to find out what the big corporations want. Photographs showing Los Angeles policemen brutally clubbing uniformed veterans, CIO strike pickets, tell the answer graphically.

Injunctions, skull-cracking, mass arrests and all the other familiar by-products of industrial feudalism is what they want.

This accompanies U. S. Steel's Benjamin Fairless' "No" even to the President's proposal.

General Motors has been saying "No" for eight weeks while it was fortifying itself with injunctions in every locality where it has a plant.

Western Electric says "No" to its striking workers while a judge grants an injunction restraining pickets even from calling a scab by his right name.

The strike front was too quiet for the corporations. The workers responded 100 percent and scabs are scarce. But illusions that a present-day strike is just a friendly endurance contest are fast going up in smoke.

The men of the trusts who in the not too distant past ordered workers murdered, clubbed and arrested, have not turned into lambs. They are still staking their main hopes on whipping up an anti-labor hysteria and upon the use of the government's police powers to smash unions.

Fine Talk De-Bunked

The fine talk we have been hearing from industrialists about settling matters "across the table" and that collective bargaining is "here to stay" is just so much hogwash in face of the realities now unfolding before the American people.

But we are not in the nineteen twenties. The labor movement is far stronger and the people as a whole have been educated through a war against fascism. Americans can well recognize the similarity between strikebreaking violence and the violence that ushered Hitler into power. And the people will never forget that the first pieces of silver to put fascism in business came from the coffers of the monopolists.

The current attempts to resort to injunctions, hired thugs and police must be viewed as part of a general pattern to settle labor disputes through violence rather than through collective bargaining. These are moves to get an open shop and wage-cutting drive into stride.

Public officials and judges who lend themselves to the corporations must hear the wrathful voice of all people and of their many organizations. Strikebreaking service in any form, must be classed as an aid to the advance of fascism.

The Soviet Warning

THE Russians are famous for the fact that they don't waste words. They say what they mean. And they mean what they say.

That's why this country ought to perk up and take notice when the Soviet delegate to the UNO, Ambassador Gromyko, warns against a revival of the methods and atmosphere of the old League of Nations.

As he says, there are powerful voices in the UNO which are already arguing that the San Francisco Charter must be scrapped.

Some circles, and you know who they are, want to torpedo the "veto power," which is nothing less than the principle of unanimity among the great powers.

Others want to whittle down the Security Council's role. Still others are counterposing the small nations against the big ones, as though the small states are models of virtue and democracy and do not often act as stooges of one or another imperialist power.

As though the peace can be maintained by the little powers alone.

Gromyko's warning was sharp and tough. The Soviet Union wants to make the UNO work—on the basis of the charter. There is no other way.

Surely there can be no real peace if Britain and America try to bust the charter by egging on some of the small states.

Remember Litvinov's tragic warnings in Geneva 10 years ago?

Remember how he warned that peace must be maintained by the great powers collectively?

That's how Gromyko sounded to us yesterday.

SOUTH OF THE FILIBUSTER

Between the Lines

A Memo on Iran

by Joseph Starobin

WHETHER the Iranian government decides to bring its troubles before the United Nations Assembly or not, it's true that Iran has become a very hot potato, and the British have been baking it for some time. By "the British," we mean of course the Foreign Office, headed by that militant Socialist, Ernest Bevin, and all his agents in Teheran, where the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company continues to pay dividends on the 50 percent stock owned by His Majesty's Socialist Commonwealth.

Whatever happens in London, however, ought not obscure the real locale where the Iranian potatoes have been baking — and that's in Iran itself. This country is a keystone of the whole British imperialist position in the Middle East, a bridge to India, a source of oil and strategic airfields, a pillar of the British control over the Arab world, Turkey and Egypt.

Britain's Postwar Empire Project

Part of the general British postwar project was to tighten up their empire—against the peoples within it, against the Soviet Union, and against American economic penetration. And Iran plays a very vital role. It is of course an old stamping ground of British imperialism since the days of Palmerston.

But this time, the Foreign Office is really quite frightened. For the democratic movement in Iran is by no means confined to the northwestern province of Azerbaijan where an autonomous government was established late last Fall. The desire for democratic rights, for industrialization, for decent living standards and agrarian reform embraces all of the six northern provinces. They happen to have some nine million people in them out of the fifteen million of the country as a whole.

Most everything south of Teheran is desert country; it's the north which is most advanced even though only a small part of Iranian territory. And in the north, the Tudeh or Peoples Party has been carrying forward a great fight for democracy, which the British censorship is skilfully keeping from the world as a whole.

The Central Government is composed of a weak and degenerate nobility, one of the most corrupt in the world. The British themselves wanted to maintain a weak regime in Teheran, during the war, but planned to bring forward some kind of "strong man" to run the country after the war. Just as they were planning this strong man, along the lines of the dictator Reza Khan who was deposed in 1941, a strong democratic movement came to the surface and gained power in the northwest.

A Movement Of Iran Peopeles

The papers may shout from now until doomsday that this movement was Soviet-manipulated. The facts are that it is an indigenous movement, which the Soviet occupation armies simply declined to suppress. It is understandable that imperialists who enter countries like Greece or Italy or Indonesia to suppress the native democratic forces, should be outraged when the Soviet Union declines to follow their example.

The Azerbaijan democratic government, I am told, is attracting all the best elements of the population and is working fast and hard to bring relief to the people. Out of a ten man cabinet, headed by an old Iranian progressive—Jaafar Pishevaari—only three can be considered Iranian Communists. The minister of finance, for example, is himself an Iranian nobleman, who had been appointed by the Central Government and went over to the Democratic Party to work with it, as did two divisions of the Central Government's troops.

The president of the autonomous Majlis, or parliament, is a businessman. The vice president represented the city of Tabriz in the central parliament for years and is far from being a Communist, too. There is no state of siege in Azerbaijan, unlike Teheran where the siege has lasted for almost five years.

Undoubtedly, however, the autonomous government is taking full security measures. For there is a danger that the fanatic tribes of the south, armed and inspired by British agents will attempt a northward movement and provike civil war.

In fact, the Central Government, which itself used to suppress those tribes in the south, recently granted them an armistice, with the unprecedented terms of allowing them to keep their arms. Such things mean a great deal in Iran. They mean preparations for war.

British Don't Like Democratic Upsurge

What irks the British is this general democratic ferment, which even the gendarmes—one fifth of the Teheran army, and trained by the American adviser, Col. Norman Schwartzkopf—cannot control. The British proposed at the Moscow conference that a three-power commission be appointed to advise Teheran. The Soviet Union expressed no interest in this interventionary plan; anyhow, the Central Government is bitterly anti-Soviet.

I suppose the British would have been prepared to offer a division of Iran to the Soviet Union, the kind of thing they used to work out with Czarist Russia. But evidently, the USSR was not interested in that, either. So the Foreign Office has a hot potato on its hands. Such are the inheritances which Socialist ministers of England have received from the Tories and must be thankful for, alas alack.

Of course, the Iranian embassy here is working overtime to sell its wares to an unsuspecting American public. Ambassador Hussein Ala has begun to travel a bit and is getting himself invited around. A special information office has been set up at Rockefeller Center (rental $25,000 per year).

It will no doubt interest you that Mr. Ali-Gholi Nabilod-Dowleh Nabil is in charge, better known as Dr. Khan. This worthy, who is supposed to tell America all about Iran, has not been in his homeland for 42 years. Most of his time here has been spent in the "Bahai" movement, a sort of Persian Christian Science. Such are the characters today debating whether or not to attack the Soviet Union at the UNO!

Change the World

The Spirit of America—It's Not duPont or Luce

by Mike Gold

UNCLE SAM, mighty and enigmatic with his Atombomb and all, is the world's chief postwar problem.

Will our people follow the Henry Luces and duPonts, set forth on a program of world conquest to make this the "American Century"?

Or are we gradually shaping up to make this the "Century of the Common Man"?

The duPonts and Luces have great power in their hands—the resources of finance and industry are theirs to use, the Congress, the brass hats of the military forces, the press, radio, movies, and most other great propaganda agencies.

On the other hand, the American people are not stupefied Germans or feudal Japanese—a mass easy to herd and to set to goose-stepping in any direction.

To proceed with the long-cherished plan for world conquest and imperialism, our duPonts and Luces would first have to kill all democracy in America.

They would have to first set up a fascist system here, just as German imperialism did before it broke over the borders.

There's the mam rub, Horatio—the American people just don't seem to be in the mood.

Anyone who prophesies is a rash fool. Yet it is just as foolish not to read signs in the political sky when they appear big and unmistakable as any 10 miles of Pepsi-Cola sky-writing.

The American bronco is rejecting the imperialist saddle, and bucking like all creation. That is the mood of the hour.

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FOR example, there isn't an ounce of militaristic feeling here. We have helped win a terrific war. Our Army, Navy and Air Force have chalked up some memorable victories.

But where are the usual parades, the hysteries, the boasting?

Last week-end saw the first and perhaps our only military parade in New York, when the 82nd Airborne Division and other units marched grimly up Fifth Avenue.

These were the giant howitzers and 36-ton monster tanks that fought under Gen. Patton at the Bulge. These were the seasoned paratroopers who were the spearhead of the Second Front against Hitler's Fortress Europe.

Yes, there were clouds of confetti to greet them. Tears and cheers and military bands. But it was not like the Armistice Day hysteria that followed the first World War, when Americans still believed in Santa Claus and the idealism of our Wall Street and our State Department.

It was solemn, quite solemn—as if we had grown up and understood the world responsibilities now heavy upon us.

Every brave young veteran in that parade was worrying about a civilian job, too. And where to find a house to live in, the high cost of monopolist bread and butter, and such unmilitary matters.

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THE demonstrations and petitions of scattered American armies that want to get home are signs on tomorrow's morning sky.

This is something new in American political affairs. These soldiers act like citizens, not robots. They act as though somebody was trying to cheat them out of the victory against fascism.

Most of them are tired of being kicked around by brass hats and phony politicoes. In quite a number of the demonstrations the slogan of anti-imperialism has been raised.

As for the wave of great strikes now sweeping America this would be another indication that our people are not taking it lying down.

I went down to walk on the Western Union picket line the other afternoon. In the grey cold winter street several hundred plain American men and women, not a student of Marx and Lenin in a carload, tramped up and down and sang the old militant songs of labor.

Where had they caught the spirit? They surely were not the stuff for armies of goose-stepping soldiers who would gladly follow the duPonts and Luces in a Hitlerian conquest of the world.

It seems to be the prevailing mood of the country today. I think we have a right to be hopeful about our country in the postwar period.

Listen Here, Mr. Editor

Shall World War II Be Declared Officially Ended?

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Since coming home from the European theatre in November, I have followed closely our policy regarding the return of the GIs, and the imperialist implications of still keeping our men in many areas.

What about some action on a slogan like, "Officially declare World War II Ended!" With popular support along this line, the roots of imperialistic efforts in the War Department and the influence of our State Department's machinations would be severed. And our soldiers would have to come home, leaving our career GIs to carry out the job of occupation.

How about a clear analysis on the point—and, if in line with our program — constructive leadership in that direction, H. S.

On Red-Baiters And Misleaders of Labor

Bronx. N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to get this off my chest. Every time a progressive individual who has the courage to come out in the open and fight for a decent living wage, better working conditions, and legislation that would be beneficial for the common man, he is immediately labelled a "dangerous Red." Some of these red-baiters even claim that these liberals receive a share of Moscow-gold monthly. Our late President Roosevelt was called a Red. Henry Wallace has likewise been labelled.

One will notice that those who holler Red loudest are always stooges for big business. You will also find that these red-herring draggers are the ones who fought against giving the unemployed workers $25 per week for 26 weeks. One also notes that these die-hards, in and out of our legislative halls, are against full employment and all progressive ideas. They hate unions and are doing their best to destroy them.

It is unfortunate that there are some labor leaders in high places who collaborate with these stooges. If it were possible to have a national rank-and-file vote in unions where such situations exist, I think some of these soft-berth misleaders would lose their crowns, especially in the AFL.

The trouble with labor is that it is always begging for crumbs, and as long as it keeps begging for crumbs, that's about all it will ever get. Labor must stop being timid and learn to demand what rightfully belongs to it. Abraham Lincoln's message to Congress in 1861 said: "Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not existed first. Labor is superior to capital and deserves much higher consideration."

If Lincoln lived today, he would be called a dangerous Red!

It seems when reaction has no better argument, it hollers Red. Any worker who falls for that wornout device is either asleep and needs a rude awakening or else a lot more education. I would advise all labor to steer clear of these red-baiters because they mean no good and are only trying to disunify the labor movement.

L. JANIS.

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Today's Guest Column

Lenin's Warning On Opportunism

by Alphaeus Hunton

IT WAS a timely and important note that William Z. Foster struck in his article on Leninism and Keynesism in last Sunday's Worker. One of the principal aims of our study and propagation of Leninism, as he pointed out so clearly, must be to counteract the "many subtle and dangerous illusions as to exaggerated possibilities" embodied in Keynesism and New Dealism, which reformist illusions act as a "barrier to the movement for socialism."

While the American labor movement by and large has failed to distinguish between temporary and immediate reform objectives and the basic and inevitable goal of socialism, it is the reactionary labor leadership here and abroad that is mainly responsible for befogging this distinction and leading the forces of labor down blind alleys.

In **Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism,** written in 1916, Lenin pointed out the way in which labor may be led into supporting the imperialist system because of the failure to see that it is the central enemy of the working class. In his 1920 preface to that work, he spoke of the "labor aristocracy" which serves as "the principal social prop of the bourgeoisie."

TO UNDERSTAND the role of the Bevins in Britain or of our own Dubinskys and Matthew Wolls, a rereading of Lenin's analysis of the relationship of the British labor movement to British imperialism is in order. He points out **(New Data for Lenin's "Imperialism," pages 224-226):**

"Imperialism has the tendency to create privileged sections even among the workers, and to detach them from the main proletarian masses. It must be observed that in Great Britain the tendency of imperialism to divide the workers, to encourage opportunism among them and to cause temporary decay in the working class movement, revealed itself much earlier than the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries; for two important distinguishing features of imperialism were observed in Great Britain in the middle of the 19th century, viz., vast colonial possessions and a monopolist position in the world market. Marx and Engles systematically traced this relation between opportunism in the labor movement and the imperialist features of British capitalism for several decades.

"We thus see clearly the causes and effects. the causes are: (1) Exploitation of the whole world by this country [Britain]; (2) its monopolistic position in the world market; (3) its colonial monopoly. The effects are: (1) A section of the British proletariat becomes bourgeois; (2) a section of the proletariat permits itself to be led by men sold to, or at least, paid by the bourgeoisie.

"The distinctive feature of the present situation is the prevalence of economic and political conditions which could not but increase the irreconcilability between opportunism and the general and vital interests of the working class movement. Embryonic imperialism has grown into a dominant system; capitalist monopolies occupy first place in economics and politics; the division of the world has been completed.

"On the other hand, instead of an undisputed monopoly by Great Britain, we see a few imperialist powers contending for the right to share in this monopoly, and this struggle is characteristic of the whole period of the beginning of the 20th century. Opportunism, therefore, cannot now triumph in the working class movement of any country for decades as it did in England in the second half of the 19th century, But in a number of countries it has grown ripe, over-ripe and rotten, and has become completely merged with bourgeois policy in the form of 'social-chauvinism.'"

Today it is the United States which above all threatens the imperialist monopoly of Britain. American labor must not be permitted to follow the opportunist path traveled, with some notable and glorious exceptions, by the British labor movement.

Economic Issues

Some Forecasts For 1946

by Labor Research Assn.

FORECASTS for 1946 in the financial and business press have been as mixed and confusing as ever. Most of them are couched in very general language, but they seem to agree that, despite "labor" troubles, expanding economic activity, with rising prices, will be the prevailing situation in the year ahead.

Economic advisors of the various government agencies have usually proved more trustworthy in their predictions than the so-called business economists who work for corporations, investment counsellors and financial organizations.

Government economists would of course not be in agreement on many details but they would probably regard the following estimates of what's ahead in 1946 as not too far out of line. These estimates all assume a continuation of the present Truman-Snyder reconversion policies with some weakening of the hold-the-line position of Chester Bowles.

In the field of production estimates of the gross national product, which includes all production both for private and government use, indicate a figure somewhere around $160-165 billion. This compares with a total of approximately $196 billion for last year and a peak of $198.7 billion for 1944 when war expenditures for all purposes were at their top level.

As for industrial production alone, the latest figure, covering the month of November, 1945, shows a level of 171 on the Federal Reserve Board index. This compares favorably with 100, the 1935-39 prewar average but it's far below the peak war year (1943) average of 239 and the top-month average (247) in October, 1943.

It was expected that this index would be a little higher for December (1945) and then show little upward tendency thereafter until the latter part of 1946. For 1946 as a whole the average may be somewhere above 160 compared with the 1945 average of about 204.

These production estimates have been lifted somewhat in recent weeks and have had their influence also on the estimates of income payments. Assuming the expected increases in workers' wage rates, despite the increasing unemployment as men come out of the service, and the fewer hours of work, wage and salary payments this year are expected to total over $88 million compared with nearly $112 billion in 1944.

Total income payments to individuals in all classes may range around $140 billion compared with $157 billion in 1944 and almost that amount in 1945.

For consumers the year ahead holds out the promise of more goods for those who have money to buy them. But price increases at the retail level are estimated somewhere between 5 percent and 10 percent in the current year, even assuming the continuation of OPA after June 30.

The upward pressure on prices is partly the result of the recent sitdown of manufacturers and distributors against OPA controls and their refusal to grant workers' requests for reasonable wage increases to offset shorter working hours. Inflationary pressure is reflected also in the fact that ever since September there has been a tendency for total expenditures for goods and services to rise even while total income payments were dropping.

Retail sales were much higher than expected in 1945 reaching about $74 billion as against $69 billion in 1944. And in the first half of the current year they may approximate the like period of last year.

Out of the greater sales and the general expansion of production will come bigger profits for the capitalist class. OPA economists believe that 1946, with the removal of the excess profits tax, will see "the greatest profits in history." The total of corporation net profits may well run over $10 billion.

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U.S., Britain Welching On Split With Franco, French Debate Shows

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The United States and Great Britain have been welching on a year-old pledge to break relations with the Franco regime, it was learned yesterday as the French National Assembly voted unanimously to break with Franco.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault disclosed in the Assembly debate that the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union had agreed as long as the Yalta conference—to break relations with the present Spanish government.

any kind with Madrid, it now be- any kind with Madrid, t now becomes clear that the State Department and the British Foreign Office have been balking a decision made a year ago by the late President Roosevelt and former Premier Winston Churchill.

All that has happened since then was a decision to refuse Franco admission to the United Nations, and the acceptance of a French bid for joint discussions on the problem.

These discussions — still unannounced—were given a new impetus yesterday when the entire French Assembly voted to sever relations with Franco.

Bidault explained that French relations have not been formal. But many deputies, especially Andre Marty of the Communist Party, decried French-Spanish trade deals and insisted on a complete rupture.

Interestingly, the MRP — the French Catholic Party—voted along with the Communists and Socialists. Hatred for Franco is evidently so deep that no one in France can argue for him as a "defender of the Catholic faith."

This should encourage liberal American Catholics to speak up against the Pope's defense of Franco and the pro-Franco demonstrations organized by the "Friends of Frank Fay" in New York.

The Soviet Communist paper, **Pravda**, hinted the other day that if the forthcoming discussions among Britain, the United States and France were really serious, they should be widened to include the USSR.

Thus with great patience the Soviet Union is willing to take part in another confab about Franco, even though the decision to make a break was determined as long ago as last February.

Workers Lead Fight on Franco

While governments delay action on Franco, common people in many lands take action in solidarity with their Spanish brothers. Some recent examples:

MARSEILLES, France.—French and Spanish port workers here refused to unload food from three Spanish ships.

TUNIS, North Africa. — Docks were paralyzed as workers unanimously refused to unload sulphur from a Franco ship.

TOPOCILLA, Chile.—The United Command for Trade Union Defense, including all trade unions in this locality, voted to "give no men or facilties for Spanish and Argentine ships to unload saltpeter in this port so long as totalitarian-type governments remain in those countries."

NEW YORK. — The American Committee for Spanish Freedom announced that 10,000 signatures have come in the past week on petitions supporting the Coffee Resolution, HR 312, calling for a diplomatic and commercial break with Franco.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Beat EAM Members in Corinth

Two members of the Greek Liberation Front (EAM) central committee were injured by a fascist mob in **CORINTH**. . . . Terrorism is worse than ever, **EAM** warned, demanding that the government cease promoting quislings and persecuting the resistance movement. **EAM** insists the British withdraw and a representative government be formed to include the resistance.

A petition warning that armed bands of more than 50,000 brigands have been murdering and looting in **GERMAN** towns and farm areas will be presented to the next Allied Control Council by Wilhelm Pieck, of the Communist Party; Otto Grotewohl, Social Democrat, Jakob Kaiser, Christian Democrat, and Wilhelm Kulz, Liberal Democrat. . . . Many brigands are said to be masquerading in Soviet army uniforms. . . .

The U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires released photostatic copies of telegrams found in Germany which proved that five Argentine newspapes were subsidized by Germany during the war. This puts the finger on **La Epoca, La Tribuna** and **Democracia**, which support Col. Juan Peron's presidential campaign.

Pietro Nenni, Socialist vice-premier of **ITALY**, is in London to seek delegates' support for admitting Italy into the UNO before the peace treaty is signed. . . . The **ARMENIAN** National Council of Alexandria sent a memorandum to the UNO urging that Armenian provinces in Turkey be made a part of the Soviet Union so that Armenians abroad can be repatriated.

R. J. Thomas Greets French Action on Franco

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Jan. 18.—R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, today greeted as a victory for democracy the news that the French Constituent Assembly had voted to break off diplomatic relations with the fascist Franco regime in Spain.

Similar action, said Thomas, should now be taken by the U. S. Congress.

"I want also," he said, "to congratulate the great French trade union movement which has demanded this break with Franco ever since they regained their freedom of organization."

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).
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Today Manhattan

SYMPOSIUM on Jewish Unity at School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, 3 p.m. at 13 Astor Pl. Speakers, L. Kusman of "Morning Journal"; I. Zeldin of the "Day"; A. I. Kostrell of the "Morning Freiheit"; M. Unger of "Einikeit." This symposium will be conducted in Yiddish. Admission 35c.

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TCHAIKOWSKY CLUB will give a concert and ball Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:30 p.m., at Club House, 150 W. 85 St. Neil Borough, who has just returned from USSR where he lived for 17 years will share his impressions of the Soviets with us. Proceeds to the Russian children. Come early. Sub. $1.00.

STUDENT-FACULTY CELEBRATION at School of Jewish Studies, 13 Astor Pl. Saturday night, January 19th. Folk songs, dancing, music, refreshments. Adm. $1.00. Everybody invited.

WELCOME HOME PARTY for our veterans, Saturday evening, Jan. 19th at East New York Center, 608 Cleveland St., Brooklyn. Entertainment, refreshments.

GENIUS CLUB presents stage show and dance tonight with Fred Keating, M.C.; Bernie Hern, comedian; Robert White, ballad singer; Tropical and other dances by Experimental Group of the Dunham School of Dance and Theatre with Marion Billingsley, Othella Strozier, Kitty Charles, Nicks, Native Drummers, and others; and Councilman Eugene Connolly in a 5 minute political chat. Dancing to Tom Jones Orch. begins 9 p.m. Show at 11 p.m. Adm. 85c. Servicemen free. Hotel Diplomat, Royal Palm Room, 110 W. 43rd St., near B'way.

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Tomorrow—Manhattan

"A TRIBUTE TO THEODORE DREISER" with Professor Edwin Berry Burgum of N.Y.U., Arthur Miller, author of "Focus" and Samuel Sillen, literary editor of the Daily Worker. Jefferson School, 575 6th Ave., cor. 16th St. at 8:30 p.m. 50c.

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Tomorrow—Bronx

FUN WITH MUSIC Concert! Sunday, January 20th, 8:30 p.m. Concourse Plaza Hotel, 161st St. and Grand Concourse. Program: Susan Reed, Ray Lev, Sidor Belarsky, Bunin's Puppets, Max Polikoff, William Gailmor, etc. Auspices: Stadium Committee for Russian Relief.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

DAVE DORAN YOUTH CLUB Social Evening. Utica Center, Utica Ave. and Union St. Jan. 20—8:30 p.m. Adm. 50c. For all vets, ex-YCL'ers, etc. Good time for all.

MUSICALE. Songs, dancing, refreshments. ALP Music Box, 349 New Lots Ave., nr. Pennsylvania Ave. 8:30 p.m. Subs. 50c.

FORUM: Strikes and the High Cost of Living. George Squirer, Trade Union Director Jefferson School, lecturer. Discussion follows. East Flatbush Club, C.P., 1000 Rutland Rd. 8 p.m.

Coming

STAGE FOR ACTION. Sat., Jan. 26th. Benefit Strike Committee. Caribbean dances, calypso and folk songs. Josephine Premice, Hope Foy. 77 5th Ave.

DAILY WORKER UNIT of Amer. News Guild Dance. Feb. 8, 9 p.m. Club 65. Entertainment, dancing to Lee Norman's Orch. 2 floors. Adm. $1.20.

PRE-CONVENTION DANCE. American Committee Spanish Freedom. Friday, Feb. 8th. Hotel Diplomat. Stars of stage and screen. Purchase tickets early at Committee, 55 W. 42nd St.

WHY ARE OUR GIs IN CHINA? Hear Rep. Hugh DeLacy, West Coast Congressman; Philip J. Jaffe, editor of Amerasia. Grand Ballroom, Concourse Plaza Hotel. Wed., Jan. 23rd, 8:30 p.m. Adm. 49c.

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Dayton GM Strike Ranks Swelled by 22,000 From UE

Special to the Daily Worker

DAYTON, Jan. 18.—Close to 25,000 CIO workers are on strike here against General Motors.

Some 2,500 who struck nearly two months ago on the call of the CIO United Auto Workers have been joined by 22,000 from Frigidaire and Delco, who came out in answer to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers strike call.

When UE struck, a joint labor committee took advertisements in all three leading Dayton newspapers to explain the issues to the public They exposed GM's role and its attacks on the labor movement and illustrated how wage demands are in the interests of the entire nation.

Plants closed down, in addition to Frigidaire and Delco, are Moraine Products and Aero Products, both GM.

A banquet scheduled by GM to win public support was picketed by strikers Wednesday.

War veterans, many still in uniform, led a demonstration of strikers from Delco UE headquarters through the streets to the Hotel Biltmore in the center of the downtown area. Four picket lines were thrown around the hotel and thousands of leaflets were distributed to spectators and passing cars.

High enthusiasm marks picket lines, despite freezing weather.

Strike machinery operates smoothly. Merchants are giving substantial support. Virtually all sections of labor are helping. Daily strike bulletins are being issued.

Has Most in Congress

New York State has 43 representatives in the House of Representatives, more than any other state. Pennsylvania is second with 32. Illinois third with 25.

Robeson Sings For GM Pickets In Cleveland

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, Jan. 18. — Paul Robeson sang for a capacity audience in the Cleveland Public Music Hall but he gave the concert of his life later on the General Motors picket line.

Robeson spoke at the United Auto Workers strike kitchen and recreation hall before he joined the pickets.

"I know what your struggle means," he said. "My people were born of struggle. I've been on the picket lines before and will be there again."

Then he sang. His rich baritone gave them Old Man River, Joe Hill, Water Boy and other songs. As he left, giving himself just time to catch his train, workers cheered. The lucky union was UAW Local 45, on strike at GM's Fisher Body plant here.

GM Spark Plug Local Leaders Open Drive to Oust Trotzkyites

Special to the Daily Worker

FLINT, Jan. 18.—Four leaders of the CIO United Auto Workers at the striking General Motors AC Spark Plug local here today announced that they had started a drive to rid the union of Trotzkyites.

Robert Carter, a Trotzkyite, who has been a leader here, has been removed as a committee chairman because of his affiliations, it was said.

Leading the drive against the Trotzkyites are Charles Keene, William Kontyko, John Jordan and William E. Rodgers.

They said they would demand the dissolution of the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council on the grounds that it was a breeding place for Trotzkyites.

DISRUPT PICKET LINES

They charged that the Trotzkyites were responsible for disruption on picket lines and that Sol Dillinger, a Trotzkyite organizer, had been assigned to Flint to try to sneak his followers into leading union posts.

CORRECTION

An article in the Daily Worker reporting union action against the Trotzkyite newspaper, **The Militant,** erroneously said that the decision had been made by the UAW local at Chevrolet. This action, barring **The Militant** from union headquarters, was taken by the UAW local at Buick.

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Contest for Sub-Getters Is Extended 2 Weeks to Feb. 2

All contestants in the current Sub-Getters Contest, which is part of the drive for 30,000 subscriptions to The Worker, will be interested to hear that the closing date of the contest has officially been postponed until midnight Feb. 2. This gives contestants two weeks more in which to get enough subs to win one of the 58 prizes being offered.

We received a number of telephone complaints from sub-getters saying that the scores published in the paper last week were incomplete. According to Contest Rules, we base contestants scores on the official score cards which are to be filled out and mailed in by the press directors of the various clubs. If you have secured 10 or more subs during the course of the current contest, ask your press director if he has entered your name in the contest. If your name appears on the leading contestant's chart below—and the score listed for you is not correct—please notify the press director of your club.

Thus far 352 contestants have been entered. Of these, 106 contestants have qualified as possible prize winners by getting a minimum of 10 subscriptions.

Leading contestant—still in line for the first prize of a console model radio-victrola — is Harry Jaffee of the Furriers Club in New York City, who has 771 points. Julius Fleiss (616 points) up to now leads for the second place prize of a solid gold wrist watch. Morris Breecher (611 points) is in third place (a table model radio). (The next five contestants would receive Lenin Home Library sets. the 10 contestants following would receive a fountain pen each, and the rest up to a total of 58 prizes would get a wallet each).

An interesting note is the fact that at the moment the five top contestants are all members of the Furriers Club.

We are also listing below the five clubs which are leading thus far in the Club Contest, although only three prizes are being offered. (1st prize: $75.00 Marxist Library, 2nd prize: $50.00 Marxist Library, 3rd prize: $25.00 Marxist Library.) The Furriers Club heads the list with the amazing score of 331.6 percent of their point quota. This club accepted a quota of 250 subs, but upon completing that several weeks ago, pledged themselves to get 1,000 subs. Thus far they have turned in 922 subscriptions! (Of this total, 867 subscriptions were turned in by 11 members of the club!)

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTANT'S STANDINGS

Name	City	Point Score
Harry Jaffee	Manhattan	771
Julius Fleiss	Manhattan	616
Morris Breecher	Manhattan	611
Sam Resnick	Manhattan	464
William Woliner	Manhattan	461
Sig Berger	Bronx	453
Herbert Jones	Manhattan	397
Hyman Richman	Manhattan	328
Nat Cohen	Brooklyn	300
Murray D. Brown	Manhattan	199
Sol Wollin	Manhattan	196
Mildred Lombrozo	Bronx	186
Ray Teeple	Davenport, Iowa	168
Ben Schmerler	Brooklyn	156
Sam Magid	Bronx	140
Sam Schultz	Manhattan	137
Harry Poll	Chicago, Ill.	137
Sol Schneyer	Bronx	133
Joe Weiss	Brooklyn	128
Hyman Winter	Brooklyn	125
Dorothy Zisser	Bronx	124
Max Mandel	Manhattan	123
Si Lesser	Queens	122
Sol Chakrin	Manhattan	122
Anna Bider	Bronx	116
Lazar Marks	Manhattan	114
Rose Albert	Brooklyn	111
Sid Shimans	Brooklyn	106
Rebecca Lerner	Manhattan	103
Ruth Lencl	Cleveland, Ohio	103
Jack Glass	Bronx	100
Pete Hadjieff	Detroit, Mich.	100
Dave R.	Cleveland, Ohio	99
Sol Oaklander	Manhattan	96
Oscar Appel	Brooklyn	95
Tessie Abramowitz	Manhattan	94
Jimmie Weiss	Brooklyn	93
Joe M.	Cleveland, Ohio	90
Ben Luberoff	Brooklyn	86
A. Beldean	Detroit, Mich.	85
Meyer Lass	Brooklyn	83
Frank Lee	Bronx	83
Howard Feldman	Los Angeles, Cal.	80
B. S.	Cleveland, Ohio	79
Matthew Cerda	Astoria, N. Y.	78
Sol Reinstein	Manhattan	77
Frances Schultz	Newark, N. J.	77
Louis Ain	Brooklyn	76
Harold Berman	Manhattan	75
James Andrews	Detroit, Mich.	75
Abe Kantor	Manhattan	72
Ruby Bloksberg	Newark, N. J.	71
Mitzi Drossin	Philadelphia, Pa.	69
Harold Hester	Kansas City, Mo.	68
Daniel Eile	Bronx	67
Joseph Zita	Manhattan	66
Will Vickson	Brooklyn	64
Sam Goldberg	Camden, N. J.	62

CLUB CONTEST STANDINGS

Club	City	Pct. of Pt. Score
Furriers	Manhattan	331.6
Minot	Minot, N. D.	150.0
Moline Shop	Minneapolis, Minn.	131.6
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In this corner

An Interesting Chat With A Great Guy

Bill Mardo

The skinny Brownsville guy with the slow soft voice and the gray-blue eyes told us how happy he is that tomorrow night's hoop twin-bill at St. Nick's Arena is for the benefit of the GM strikers.

"Yeah, most of the players I've spoken to really know what the score is today," he said. "And it's essential that the sports world throw everything it has behind labor's fight for a living wage, peace and a better world."

Sammy Kaplan was speaking. Sammy Kaplan—a fellow whose name has been synonymous with great pro basketball players for the past 15 years. Discharged from the Army last August after Signal Corps service in Italy, Kaplan is slowly rounding back into shape with the Wilmington Bombers—who as you should know by now—tangle with the New York Gothams in the Daily Worker's feature game tomorrow.

He's had a long colorful career on the courts, Kaplan has, and when he takes leave of the game after next season, his name will be indelibly recorded as one of the cleverest play-makers pro basketball has ever produced.

Kaplan was born and bred in teeming, colorful Brownsville, where he still resides on Powell St. As a kid he first took an interest in basketball in the schoolyards and playground parks that dot various sections of Brownsville. Strangely enough, Sammy never played the hoop game while at Jefferson High. "I wasn't good enough," he grinned, "so I never bothered to try out for the team."

But Sammy was gaining a lot of valuable experience with the Dukes, that immortal Brownsville club that started out with a bunch of kids in knickers and through the years developed those boys into some of the great names of college and professional basketball. Some of the boys who played then with the Dukes included such potentially great hoopsters as Sol Kopitko, George Goldsmith, Rip Kaplinsky and many others. And those were the teen-aged kids who went in against teams way over their heads—and licked them, too.

Kaplan left the Dukes in 1932 and played with the Newark Hebrew Club for awhile. From there to the Whirlwinds and then to Kate Smith's Celtics. The famous Celtics' roster included such talented boys as Julie Bender, Ben Kramer, Pete Berenson, Carl Johnson, Bill Nash and Chick Reiser. Kingston, Troy and finally Wilmington were next on Sammy's career with the top pro teams.

Which was the greatest team he ever played with?

Sammy thought carefully for a few minutes and then shrugged his head. "Let's just say it's a tossup between Wilmington and Kingston. The '42 Wilmington club was really terrific. We had Jerry Bush, Bernie Fliegel, Moe Spahn and Bob Zadowski with us. Of course, that Kingston team had plenty of talent, too. Bernie Fliegel was also on that team with me, as was Pete Berenson, Carl Johnson, Nat Frankel and Chick Reiser." Kaplan smiled resignedly. "No, I can't really say which was the better team of the two. Let's call it a tossup."

Again we tried to put Kaplan on the spot. Would he care to say whom he considered the greatest player he ever watched? Again my Brownsville friend parried diplomatically and came back with a choice of two.

"I'd say Bob McDermott or Fishy Rabin. McDermott was at his best with the Visitation Triangles. He played guard for them, had a lovely shot, could cut, pass and was full of fight. The Fishy Rabin I saw play with Kingston was a terrific customer . . . had a lovely long set-shot and plenty of drive." And then he added: "Listen, let's not forget Pop Gates, the great Negro forward of the Rennies. How that man could play."

Kaplan doesn't think much of the way basketball is played by the college teams today. "The kids aren't even taught the fundamentals of the game anymore. If a guy can score, he plays. All they need is one big guy in the pivot and the entire game revolves around him. They don't even bother with defensive work or a wide variety of plays. Just get a big guy, put him in the bucket and feed him. Ah, it's a different game altogether."

And thank you Sammy Kaplan. We'll be looking for you at S. Nick's tomorrow night.

He'll Play Tomorrow for GM Strikers

Pete Berenson is one of the sparkplugs of the New York Gothams—the pro hoopsters who play against Wilmington tomorrow night at St. Nick's Arena for the benefit of the GM strikers.

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Tickets are going fast for the New York Gothams-Wilmington Bombers basketball game to be played at St. Nick's Arena this Sunday night, January 20, for the benefit of the GM strikers.

Get your tickets now! They can be purchased at the Workers Bookshop, 50 East 13th Street; the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, and your trade union hall. Prices of the tickets range from $1.20-$2.40. Get yours now!

From the Press Box

House That Ruth Built Gets Its Face Lifted

by C. E. Dexter

The House That Ruth Built is having its face lifted, its eyebrows plucked and its waistline reduced. When you next visit Yankee Stadium, you won't know the old place.

For one thing, there'll be lights. For years Edward G. Barrow fought for old-fashioned daylight baseball. Now Col. L. S. MacPhail, who introduced night ball for the first time in Columbus in 1932, has installed an illuminating plant second to none in the country.

How many night games will be played by the Yankees is Larry MacPhail's secret, but it may be bruited aloud that the Yanks will play 14 games, the same number as the Dodgers and Giants. Incidentally Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds are lighted by no more thatn 100 candlepower.

The Stadium will have 15,000 new chairs, painted in blue the shade of a summer sky. These chairs will be 22 inches wide, a gain of four inches for the sitter with a fat seat. However, most of them will be either boxes or reserved seats, so unless you can pay an extra fee, you will still sit in a narrow chair next summer—although eventually all Stadium seats will be replaced.

Inside the shell of the Stadium, vast changes are taking place. With typical MacPhailian disregard for cost, the Colonel is building semi-private refreshment rooms where sandwiches and soft drinks will be served at various strategic points upstairs and down. New ramps are being cut through the stands to make it easiers for patrons to reach their seats. Many new toilet facilities are being installed.

As for the field, it will remain the same. But the Yankee dugout will be moved from its ancient niche along the third base line to the usual place—in other parks—along the first base line. A new an elaborate clubhouse for the Yanks is rising back of the dugout, equipped with wide new lockers, new showers, a lounge for the players, an office for Manager McCarthy, for the umpires, trainers and visiting officials.

The upstairs' offices and press rooms are also receiving radical attention. Henceforth all business dealings with the public, including sale of tickets, will be centralized in a new office in the right field wing, second story. Alongside the office is to be a new private pressroom bar, as well as a room where the working press may pound typewriters and use the 'phone free, munching sandwiches and drinking cold tea the while.

Oh, yes . . . there'll be quite a ball club wearing Yankee uniforms next summer too, up at the Stadium in the Bronx. . . .

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Eight champions are scheduled to defend their crowns, including Stan Callender in the 1,000-yard run, the event in which MacMitchell is entered. MacMitchell is favored to dethrone the New York University runner, on the basis of his fine showing when he won a 1,000-yard handicap race last Saturday.

Other defending champions are Jimmy Herbert of the Grand Street Boys, winner of the 600-yard run for the past five years; Joe Megyesy of the New York Athletic Club in the mile walk; Homer Gillis of NYU in the broad jump; John Meagher of the NYAC in the 35-pound weight throw; the NYU sprint medley and mile relay teams, and the NYAC two-mile relay team.

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11:00-WEAF—Teentimers Club
WOR—Prescott Robinson
WJZ—Tell Me Doctor
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—News; Music
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch
11:15-WOR—Tex Fletcher
WJZ—Bible Message
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell
WOR—Russ Drew Show
WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk
WABC—Billie Burke Show
WMCA—Saturday Serenade
WQXR—String Music
11:45-WJZ—Chet Gaylord, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time
WOR—House of Mystery
WJZ—Piano Playhouse
WABC—Theater of Today
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WJZ—Elizabeth Woodward
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight
WOR—News; Answer Man
WJZ—The American Farmer
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF—Farm and Home Hour
WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Symphonies for Youth; Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Alfred Wallenstein, Conductor
WABC—Grand Central Station
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WMCA—Health Talk
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Adviser
WOR—Opry House
WABC—County Fair
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healys
1:45-WEAF—The American World
WJZ—News Reports
WMCA—Vocal Varieties

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Harry Slick Orchestra
WOR—It's Up to Youth
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera—Puccini's Madame Butterfly
WABC—Of Men and Books
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town
WQXR—News; Music
2:15-WEAF—Radio Reporter
WABC—Adventures in Science
2:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch
WOR—Courtney's Record Carnival
WABC—Treasury Band Stand
WQXR—Music of Our Time
2:45-WEAF—Camp Meetin' Choir
3:00-WEAF—Pittsburgh Symphony, Fritz Reiner, Conducting
WABC—Assignment Home
WMCA—News; Novena Services
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:30-WOR—Where Are They Now?
WABC—Talk—Ely Culbertson
3:45-WABC—Cross Section—CIO
4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home
WOR—Better Half—Matinee
WABC—Record Shop
WMCA—News; Western Songs
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
4:30-WEAF—First Piano Quartet
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4:45-WOR—Hibiscus Stakes, Hialeah
4:55-WABC—Olin Downes—Talk
5:00-WEAF—Studio Music
WOR—Musical Grag Bag
WJZ—Dance Music
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra
WQXR—News; Musical Milestones
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Concert Orchestra
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicale
WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs
WJZ—Milton Cross Show
WQXR—City Symphony Preview

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—Lyle Van, News
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Wilfred Fleisher, News
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WOR—Strictly Personal
WJZ—News Reports
WABC—People's Platform
WMCA—Recorded Songs
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News
WJZ—Harry Wismer, Sports
WMCA—Racing Results
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.
WABC—The World Today
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer
6:55-WABC—Robert Trout, News
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz
WJZ—It's Your Business
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes
WMCA—News; Dance Music
WQXR—News; Footlight Echoes
7:15-WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
7:30-WEAF—Easy Money—Sketch
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—The New Dick Tracy Show
WABC—The First Nighter
WQXR—Ralph Kirkpatrick, Clavichord
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play
WOR—The Whisper Men
WJZ—Woody Herman Show
WABC—Dick Haymes Show
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences
WOR—Rhapsody for Strings
WJZ—Man From G-2—Play
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play, with Lionel Barrymore
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance
WOR—Leave It to the Girls
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play
WABC—Hit Parade
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works
WQXR—News Reports
9:05-WQXR—Talk—Dennis Plimmer
9:20-WQXR—Request Music
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?
WOR—Break the Bank
WJZ—Boston Symphony Orchestra—Sir Adrian Boult, Conductor
WMCA—Recorded Music
9:45-WABC—Saturday Serenade
10:00-WEAF—Judy Canova Show
WOR—Theater of the Air
WQXR—News; Recorded Album
10:15-WABC—Celebrity Club
10:30-WEAF—Grand Old Opry
WJZ—Garden of Song
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
WQXR—Guest Conductor
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak
WABC—To Be Announced
WMCA—Recorded Music
11:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ—News; Sidewalk Interviews
WOR—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
12:00-WEAF, WJZ—News; Music
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Wide-Awake High School Seniors Spurn DAR 'Citizenship' Offer

by Samuel Sillen

THREE lusty cheers for the senior class of Crosby High School in Waterbury, Connecticut! The seniors of Crosby High have just voted not to participate in a "Good Citizenship" competition sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. And for the best of all possible reasons—the DAR's discrimination against outstanding Negro artists like Marian Anderson and Hazel Scott.

Louis Thibodeau, principal of Crosby High School, has announced that the students at a recent meeting passed a resolution against taking part in a program arranged by the DAR, "whose representatives refused to permit Hazel Scott and Marian Anderson the use of their hall in Washington."

"We think," said the students who really think, "it's hardly the organization from which to accept a good citizenship award."

The Crosby seniors have given the country a fine lesson in vigilant Americanism. Their example should be followed in every city where the DAR offers "Good Citizenship" awards. And the time has come for the schools to tell William Randolph Hearst what he can do with his phony "Americanism" contests.

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PICASSO IN LONDON

PABLO PICASSO has provided London with its most violent art controversy in decades. The pictures he painted in Paris during the occupation were recently put on show at the Victoria and Albert Museum. According to a correspondent in the London Daily Worker, the critics in the reactionary press went on a mad spree of name-calling.

"The more reactionary the newspaper," writes the correspondent, "the louder have been the cries of 'Decadence!' As if these papers had ever cared a pin for either art or artists."

The anti-Picasso campaign in London's reactionary press is of course due to the artist's militant anti-fascist stand. When Paris was liberated, Picasso was among the first of thousands of French intellectuals to announce that he had joined the Communist Party.

And just as Frank Fay goes around saying that anti-fascist actors are "inferior," so the reactionary London press has discovered that Picasso is not an artist after all.

The **London Daily Worker** writer reminds his readers: "To appreciate these pictures, one has to try to discard all preconceived ideas about what a picture ought to be like: certainly one must not imagine that these were painted to give pleasure as decorations for a drawing-room.

"To enjoy any new form of art, music or literature, one must abandon preconceptions, for it is quite true that people who say they 'know what they like' really mean that they 'like what they know.'

"Because you may find Picasso's pictures 'difficult,' don't fall for the sensation-mongers' line that they are 'revolting,' 'decadent' or 'done for publicity.'"

When Picasso joined the Communist Party he said: "Through design and color, I have tried to penetrate deeper into a knowledge of the world and of men, so that this knowledge might free us. In my own way, I have always said what I considered most true, most just, and therefore most beautiful."

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THE Frank Fay agitation here, and the anti-Picasso pogrom in London, reminds one of the Nazi attitude toward culture. Everything creative in the arts was denounced by Hitler's "spiritual storm troops" as "Bolshevik decadence." And this was the prelude to the biggest anti-cultural jamboree in all history.

But the Nazis weren't so dumb. They burned books, but they didn't destroy the paintings. They denounced them, stripped the galleries and hoarded the pictures in their private warehouses. They understood full well the cash value of these "decadent monstrosities," and they looted every gallery they could lay their hands on in Europe. Their counterparts in Britain and America have exactly the same sort of mentality.

New Jewish School Seeks Negro Students

By EUGENE GORDON

The Negro people, so long denied education, have an insatiable craving for it.

I wish it were possible for all Negroes who desire learning to enroll in such an institution as the School for Jewish Studies, 13 Astor Place. Anti-Semitic poison has seeped into the Negro community, its effectiveness arising from the fact that the Negro people in general know little or nothing of the Jews' origin, tradition and culture. Such knowledge would be an antidote to the fascist poison of anti-Semitism.

"I feel that the Jewish and the Negro people, as the most oppressed groups in America, have a deeper kinship than any other minorities in this country," says Chaim Suller, executive director of the School of Jewish Studies.

The Rev. Ben Richardson, formerly assistant pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and now an editor of **The Protestant**, is the leading non-Communist exponent of that idea among Negroes.

Looking through the School of Jewish Studies' catalogue I am disappointed at the absence of the Rev. Mr. Richardson's name from the lists both of sponsors and guest lecturers. One does find, however, an array of scholars especially fitted to make the story of the Jewish people popular among non-Jewish students, including Negroes.

Courses of study covered in the English division include elementary and advanced Hebrew and Yiddish; the history of the Jewish people, including their relationship to the economic, political and social development of the United States from colonial times to the recent past; Jewish culture—festivals and holidays and Jewish folk songs; and social and economic problems as they affect the Jewish people, especial emphasis here being placed on Palestine.

Many students of Slovak, Italian, Spanish and German descent are enrolled in the s chool.

The present semester began this week. The 25 courses given during the winter term have been augmented by 11. The roster of instructors is impressive, there being such authorities as Dr. Raphael Mahler, Rabbi Herman Pollack, Jesse Mintus, Mary Himoff, Valia Hirsch and Morris U. Schappes.

The country's only Jewish school with a Marxist approach to the national question and to Jewish history is becoming more than just an academic institution. It is becoming a cultural center for the Jewish people and a source of invaluable information for all people who have recognized anti-Semitism as fascism's most sinister weapon.

Dreiser Forum

Theodore Dreiser's life and work will be discussed at a forum tomorrow (Sunday) evening at the Jefferson School. Arthur Miller, author of **Focus**, and Edwin Berry Burgum, critic and scholar, will speak. Samuel Sillen will be chairman of the forum.

On the Need For Good Films For Children

By DAVID PLATT

LETTERS and telephone calls are continually coming in to this department from parents asking us to recommend films suitable for children.

The question is a tough one because the list of good films produced for young people could be squeezed into an area the size of a paper clip.

Certainly no self respecting parent would take his child to see the Dracula - Frankenstein - Wolf Man monstrosities cooked up at Universal, Republic and Monogram for the lower age brackets.

The Soviet Union, whose concern for the young is one of the mainsprings of Socialist life, operates a studio devoted exclusively to thoughtful films for children. In Hollywood, where the profit factor is uppermost, it would seem that most of the features and serials designed for youngsters are produced not so much to entertain them as to scare them to death.

Since no studio has as yet expressed a desire to film Mike Singer's excellent 'Adventures of Richards,' the only choices left to parents are the occasional dog and horse operas like **Lassie** and **Thunderhead**, the quickie westerns and the animated cartoons.

That still leaves unanswered the question of where to send children to see the best of these films on weekends and holidays. One answer has just been given by the newly formed Children's Saturday Matinee Club. This group has taken over the Beacon Theatre, Broadway and 74th Street for a 15-week series of stage and screen performances for children under 12.

Today, Saturday at 10:45 a. m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., the program will include a stage show featuring Felix, the Happy Clown and his accordian and John Gladmore's Punch-and-Judy Show. Also a full-length cartoon (Mr. Bug Goes to Town), concerning an insect community on the last patch of soil in a busy city; and a short subject about a bareback riding troupe.

The programs are selected by an advisory board and approved by the Schools Motion Picture Committee. Parents may either attend the performance with the children or leave them in the care of the 12 matrons provided by the club. Among them are several teachers in the city school system and a trained nurse.

The only drawback is that the price of 74 cents for single admissions is exceedingly high for most people, although a season ticket, if you can afford the $7.50 at one time, brings it down to 50 cents weekly. Something should be done to lower the single rate to help those parents who may not be in position to take advantage of this luxury more than once or twice a month.

The club's advisory board, which makes the primary selection of films, consists of Mrs. Marie Hamilton, director of the Schools Motion Picture Committee; Mrs. Esther Speyer, Chairman of the United Association Motion Picture Committee; Mrs. Hilda Oseas, assistant principal of P. S. 186, Manhattan; Mrs. Eileen Doolan, of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae; Mrs. Elizabeth Flower, of the Protestant Council, and Mrs. Kathleen Bernath, of the Child Study Association of America.

It is important that this board be strengthened to include representatives of Jewish and Negro organizations. This to make doubly certain that the presentations (particularly the animated cartoons) are free of the slightest anti-religious or anti-racial taint.

We also hope the sponsors will listen to suggestions from the public for improving the content of the programs for children under 12.

With these reservations we applaud the formation of the Children's Saturday Matinee Club. It sounds like the beginning of something very important for children.

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Polltaxers Filibuster on FEPC

Halt Senate Action Till Monday; N. Y. Group Raps Truman Silence

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The filibuster against S-101, the bill to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, continued today until the Senate recessed, to meet again on Monday.

Congressmen were still talking about the 500 delegates who came here yesterday from all states as far as Illinois to demand permanent FEPC legislation. New York Councilman Benjamin J. Davis had led the group to the White House and conferred with Mr. David K. Niles, presidential secretary. The delegation presented a statement to President Truman expressing sharp dissatisfaction with his failure to fight for FEPC legislation.

The delegates insisted the President, rebuke Democrats who have not yet signed the discharge petition. They urged that he take the fight to the people by condemning the filibustering bloc.

The delegates also, protested Truman's refusal to see them in person. Clark Foreman, president, Southern Conference of Human Welfare; Rev. W. Jernagin head of the Baptist Young People's Union; Dr. Max Yergan, National Negro Congress: Hoyt Haddock, CIO legislative representative; Magistrate Rainey president of the Philadelphia NAACP; Mrs. Goldie Watson, Phila, United People's Action Committee and Rev. David Licorice, representing Rep. A. C. Powell, who was ill, weer in the group.

RAP LIP SERVICE

Delegates also kept appointments with minority and majority leaders of both houses of Congress as well ns individual representatives who have not yet signed the discharge petition. Rep. Joseph Martin, House minority leader, refused to see the delegates. A statement of protest was issued. Martin was charged with using lip service to win Negro and other minority votes.

Employing a rarely-used filibustering device, Sen. John H. Overton (D-La), yesterday asked that the Journal be read to the Senate for correction. According to the rules of the Senate the record of previous day, the official version of which is the Journal, must be approved. Ordinarily the reading of it is dispensed with.

A TRIED TORY TACTIC

He borrowed the idea from the late Sen. Pat Harrison of Mississippi, who consumed five hours in Senate on Nov. 28, 1922, preventing a vote on an anti-lynching bill.

Sen. Eastland, star filibuster of the previous day, when he specialized in anti-Semitism, is one of the Senate's chief critics of what he calls the last of democracy in other countries.

He conferred today on the Senate floor with his fellow Mississippian anti-Semite, Rep. John Rankin, who popped in every now and then throughout the last three days presumably to aid the strategy planning.

Sen. Overton, after reading from the Bible, lodged into Jew-baiting, Negro-baiting, arm-waving diatribes, beginning with his version of "some of my best friends are Jews."

Under the blill, he claimed, the government would tell his "Jewish friends to cease employing their friends no matter how qualified" and to employ an Episcopalian, a Baptist, a Methodist, a Holy Roller."

Why, he said, he himself had more than six persons in his office. Under the bill, he said, "any 'nigger' can walk in my office and the Federal Government can say to me I've got to employ her and put her side by side of those young ladies in my office."

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M/SGT. JOSEPH NAHEM, of B'klyn, one of the three GIs released yesterday from confinement to quarters in Honolulu. Lt. Gen. R. C. Richardson said their enthusiasm wasn't enough to warrant punishment, but threatened court-martial for "agitation" by GIs for demobilization.

Nahem is shown here in an earlier picture with Glynne, his wife.

Arrest 9 Leaders Of Strike at WU

By BETH McHENRY

Nine Western Union strike leaders were arrested and jailed yesterday for protesting scab operation of the telegraph monopoly's facilities at 1442 Broadway. Joseph P. Selly, president of the CIO American Communications Association, was among those arrested. The others were Joseph Kehoe, Dominick Panza, Louis Siebenberg, Geraldine Shandross, Henry Miller, Anthony Cicino, Vincent Ferranga and E. J. Surinana.

SELLY

All were charged with "disorderly conduct" and held for night magistrate's court.

The arrest occurred shortly after 2 p.m.

A scab named Clarence French was holding down the Western Union office at 1442 Broadway, when a troop of strikers, fresh from the main picket line at 60 Hudson St., led by Selly marched in and demanded to file wires to the company protesting its refusal to settle the wage dispute, which is the cause of the strike.

French, according to an eyewitness, refused to send the wires, and demanded that a Burns detective on the premises, one Edgar Fisher, throw the union delegation out.

By this time a crowd had gathered and people were shouting to Selly and the others, deanding to know "what's up." Selly thereupon explained to the people, who pushed against the door to listen, that Western Union, despite its tremendous profits, had refused to dole out a meager 10 cents an hour increase to its workers, or even to arbitrate the wage dispute with the union. He urged them not to patronize the company until it settles with its workers.

French and the Burns man meanwhile located a cop, who was prevailed upon to put nine of the strike delegation's leaders under arrest.

They in turn had the Burns man, Edgar Fisher, arrested for assault.

Court-Martial Threatened for Pacific GIs

HONOLULU, Jan. 18 (UP).—The mid-Pacific Army command today placed a court martial penalty on GI "agitation" for demobilization, and released three enlisted leaders of the Oahu servicemen's committee who had been confined to quarters for investigation.

Lt. Gen. R. C. Richardson, Jr., mid-Pacific Army commander, said that "further agitation will not be tolerated," in view of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's statement on Tuesday regarding demobilization policy.

T/4 David Livingston, New York, chairman of the "Oahu servicemen's committee for speedier demobilization": M/Sgt. Joseph Nahem, Brooklyn, and Cpl. Herbert Freeman, Brooklyn, were released late today.

Steel Strike Monday

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packer and union representatives said all agreed to cooperate with the board.]

"The steel industry's refusal definitely indicates the evil conspiracy which has been under way by big business led by General Motors and U. S. Steel," Murray said. "Its clear aim is to exact unconditional surrender of the American people and the U. S. government. It is rebellion against all the people."

Murray charged that "American industry, fattened with war profits and guaranteed a high level of profits through special tax rebates has deliberately set out to destroy labor unions, provoke strikes and economic chaos and highjack the people through uncontrolled profits and inflation."

Murray revealed that Fairless had described the union offer of 19½ cents as having merit and promised to recommend it favorably to the industry. But Murray emphasized that while the United Steel Workers had repeatedly attempted to bargain collectively and had responded to every request of the government, the corporation had refused to bargain until the government had granted price relief to the tune of $252,000,000.

An 18½ cents wage increase would mean an additional cost to the industry of $185,000,000 a year, according to the industry's own figures, Murray said. Therefore, if steel had agreed to President Truman's proposal it would, with the grant of an added $4 per ton price, still be $67,000,000 ahead of the game.

Murray then referred to the tax rebate as "strike benefits to the steel industry."

"The best contribution that Congress could make to industrial peace and the welfare of the nation at this time would be to pass legislation repealing this union busting, strikebreaking phase of the tax laws," he asserted.

He said the CIO hoped that Congress would immediately consider such legislation.

He expressed appreciation to President Truman "for his earnest efforts to compose the dispute and for the equitable and just decision which he has made."

The American people, said Murray, must now be mobilized "to give President Truman our full support in the struggle which lies ahead to maintain true collective bargaining and protect our free democratic institutions which are being challenged by those in industry who desire to place themselves above all laws and rules of equity and justice."

Anti-Bias Vets Win Hunter College for Rally

New York veterans have won the right to meet in Hunter College. President George N. Shuster has rescinded his former decision banning the Veterans Committee Against Discrimination from holding its rally in the college auditorium, Tuesday, Jan. 24.

President Shuster informed the committee that they may go ahead with their rally providing they do not call it a mock trial, and assume responsibility for libel suits that might be filed as a result.

The rally is in protest against the pro-fascist racial incitement of the **Daily News** publisher and his columnist, John O'Donnell. Bernard Moss, spokesman for the committee agreed to the conditions.

Speakers at the rally will be as scheduled: Michael J. Quill, N. Y. Councilman; Ben Kuroki, 8th and 20th air force veteran; Jose Ferrer, actor-producer; Canada Lee, actor; Rev. Ben Richardson, associate editor, **The Protestant**; Rev. L. M. Birkhead, national director, Friends of Democracy; Rabbi Louis D. Gross, editor, **Jewish Examiner**; Thelma M. Dale, field secretary, National Negro Congress; 12 Purple Heart veterans.

President Shuster's action came after a large delegation brought its protest to Mayor William O'Dwyer yesterday.

Hershey Asks Longer Draft

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey recommended yesterday that men discharged after serving less than six months be reinducted to serve out their 18-month term.

He also proposed the lowering of physical requirements for the draft and amendment of the draft act to provide that all inductees serve 18 months.

He told a Senate Military Affairs Committee that the Draft Act should be extended immediately. The law is scheduled to expire May 15.

Hershey said such measures are needed to fulfill United States "military obligations." GIs, veterans and labor and civic groups have been demanding the return of troops not needed for the occupation of enemy territory. But Hershey's proposals are viewed as an effort to raise a big military force for military and political intervention in China, the Philippines, and other friendly lands.

The men assigned to the India, Burma and China theatre, the Philippines, Alaska, and the Caribbean and South Atlantic areas are not being used for either of the stated War Department aims: occupation and disposal of surplus property.

The Army sees a need for less than 700,000 troops to occupy Germany and Japan. But four million GIs are kept in the Army now and 1,500,000 are proposed for July.

CIO Calls Rallies For Wednesday

Rallies in shops and ships will call for the return of soldiers not needed for occupation duties. Acting on the decisions of last Thursday's meeting of the Greater N. Y. CIO Council, affiliated unions are staging meetings next Wednesday between noon and 6 p.m.

The CIO council is circulating a petition to be sent to President Truman calling for support of the GIs' demands.

Auto Caravans In Long Island

A mile-long auto-caravan drove through the streets of Hempstead, Roosevelt and Freepor in Long Island last Thursday night demanding the return of GIs from friendly countries. Sponsored by the Sperry Gyroscope Local 450 of the UE-CIO, other particpating groups were the American Labor Party, Bee Line bus strikers, Nassau County Communist Party, a group of Long Island farmers, American Legionnaires and AFL trade unionists.

Sugar Price To Be Increased

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UP).—The Agriculture Department tonight disclosed plans to grant a half-cent a pound increase in the price of refined sugar.

The OPA said the increase, effective Feb. 2 or 3, would result in a six-tenths of a cent increase in retail prices. Under the plan, a five-pound package would cost about three cents more than now.

Goebbels Ordered Slaves Worked to Death

FRANKFURT, Jan. 18 (UP).—Germany planned the permanent enslavement of foreign workers deported to the Reich during the war, French prosecutors charged today at the war crimes trial.

Jews, Gypsies, many Poles and weaker workers generally were to be exterminated, the prosecution said.

Prosecutor Jacques Bernard Hertzog told how Paul Joseph Goebbels at a meeting in September, 1942, advocated working slave laborers to death.

He said the Germans impressed 30,000,000 foreign workers into service in nine months in 1942.